



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 7

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can not believe we are at the end of the first term of the year; it has gone quickly, however I do feel we are all in need of a week's rest.

Sporting achievements

Over the past few weeks, children from across KS2 have been taking part in a number of football tournaments run by Dartford Football Club. Both the Year 5/6 boys and girls team have been in action, performing very well but sadly not making it to any of the finals. However, the Year 3/4 mixed team this week have made it back to the finals today. I am sure whatever the outcome, they will have given it their best and played just as well as they have been. A big well done to Brody for being recognized for his sportsmanship earlier in the week.

Black History Month

To recognise and celebrate Black History Month, our assemblies over the past couple of weeks have focused on 'race' and 'racism'. We have explored the idea that we are all part of the 'Human Race' and that we all have the right to be treated fairly and equally. We looked at Black History in Britain, celebrating that we all have a history in Britain from the Roman times to the Windrush generation. We will continue the discussions around race, racism and respect in our PSHE lessons throughout the year. Please do use the links in this newsletter to continue the conversations at home.

TTRS/Numbots

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who have supported their children in playing on Times Tables Rockstars this week as part of their home learning. Overall we had 211 children playing on TTRS this week—slightly down on last week! We really need YEARS 2 & 3 playing more!

24 children in Year 1 played on Numbots...this is one of the lowest numbers this term. Let's pick it back up again after half term and have lots more people playing on it please.

Dangerous driving

This week, I was sent a message regarding an incident which has been reported to the police regarding dangerous driving by one of our parent/carers. The parent in question drove on the wrong side of the road and drove the wrong way around the roundabout, eventually parking up in the nursery car park. This behaviour is completely unacceptable—it is dangerous and irresponsible. Yet again, I find myself asking for parents to consider how they drive around the school at drop off and collection time—I know many of you are in a rush to get somewhere else BUT this should not come at the detriment of the rest of the school community. I urge you all to consider how you drive and park before something truly terrible happens.

Poetry recital

In the ST-ART newsletter at the beginning of the term, I set a challenge for the children to learn and recite a poem. So far, one child in Year 1 has told me that they can recite a poem and I had a sneak preview Thursday morning. If there is anyone else who has accepted the challenge, I will listen to them on Monday 30th October. I hope some more of you may accept the challenge.

Important dates

20/10	End of term 1
30/10	Start of term 2
8/11	Friends of Craylands AGM 9a.m.
13/11	Prospective EYFS Sept 2024 open morning
20/11	Prospective EYFS Sept 2024 open morning
23/11	Parents evening
24/11	INSET Day
27/11	Last week of teacher led clubs
27/11	Y2 reading morning 8.30–8.55
28/11	Year 3 & Year 4 reading morning 8.30a.m.–8.55a.m.
29/11	Year 5 & 6 reading morning 8.30a.m.–8.55a.m.
30/11	Y1 reading morning 8.30 a.m.–8.55 a.m.
6/12	KS1 nativity a.m. (timings tbc) EYFS nativity p.m. (timings tbc)
7/12	EYFS nativity a.m. (timings tbc) KS1 nativity p.m. (timings tbc)
15/12	Last day of term 2

Concerns/complaints

If you ever have any concerns or complaints, please can we ask that you speak directly to the school about these rather than discussing them elsewhere. We will always do all we can to support and resolve the issue. Thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term break—Mr Hiscock

PE Timetable

Please find below the timetable for PE for this term....there will be PE in week 1 from now on.

Term 2	Class
Monday	Stickman / Simon / Fine
Tuesday	Elmer / Horowitz
Wednesday	Gruffalo / Wilson / Rauf
Thursday	Funnybones / Morpurgo
Friday	Dahl / Walliams

As we will be asking the children to wear these to school, we would like to see some consistency across the school in what is being worn on these days.

Please follow the guide below:

Plain black shorts or plain grey/black jogging bottoms for when it is cold



Plain coloured team polo shirt or v- neck t-shirt(red, green, yellow or blue) – NO BRANDS OR LOGOS

White/Black socks

Plain black or white trainers – no bright colours

They can wear their school jumper on PE days if it is cold outside



Online reading books...

<https://youtu.be/H6Iw3gmX39Y> - Hair Love

<https://youtu.be/cng5mdBv3WM>—We're going to find a monster

<https://youtu.be/9IhhCq44ar8>—Ruby's worry

Throughout October, we will be celebrating Black History Month at Craylands.

Please find some links below to videos you may wish to use to continue the important discussions related to Black History, race and racism.

EYFS/KS1

[Celebrating Black History Month on CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC](#)

[Song celebrating black history](#)

[Coming to England by Floella Benjamin](#)

[Celebrating Famous Black British people](#)

[Mae Jemison video](#)

KS2

Windrush generation—[What is the Windrush Generation? - CBBC Newsround](#)

[Black British Stories - BBC Teach](#)

[Rosa Parks - BBC Teach](#)

[Harriet Tubman - BBC Teach](#)

[KS2: Pablo Fanque - The greatest Victorian showman - BBC Teach](#)

[BBC iPlayer - Horrible Histories - Top 5: Black History Month with Oti Mabuse](#)

[Black Britons who changed the world](#)

[Black women you should know about](#)

[Black men who made history in Britain](#)

[Inspirational Black Women](#)

Race and Racism

Understanding race—Sesame Street—https://youtu.be/Dk_HYAiS26I?si=g48I2UwaUsa_jtIB

A kids book about racism—<https://youtu.be/9IhhCq44ar8>

What is racism for children—https://youtu.be/_uz5BcMzqZs?si=9MIEpbMatgox7OKw

Blue Peter—how you can help to stop racism—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/bp-advice-for-helping-to-stop-racism>

KS2—Bullying and racism—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-ks2-bullying-and-racism/z7tv8xs>

Cuppa, cake & Catch up!

Join the Friends of Craylands and find out
what we've been up to last year and what we
have planned for the year ahead!

Wednesday 8th November

9am

School Hall



Dates for your diary

We would very much like to try to improve on how much notice we give you for events this year. Whilst this will not always be possible, I can share with you the following dates. Please be advised that some events may need to change depending on circumstances.

There will be other events which we will let you know as far in advance as possible when they have been finalised.

8/11	Friends of Craylands AGM at 9 a.m.
15/11 (change of date)	KS1 anti bullying workshop 9 a.m.
16/11	KS2 anti bullying workshop 9 a.m.
23/11	Parents evening
24/11	INSET Day
27/11	Year 2 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
28/11	Years 3 & 4 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
29/11	Years 5 & 6 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
30/11	Year 1 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
6/12	KS1 nativity a.m. (timings tbc) EYFS nativity p.m. . (timings tbc)
7/12	EYFS nativity a.m. . (timings tbc) KS1 nativity p.m. . (timings tbc)
11/12	Year 3 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
12/12	Year 4 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
13/12	Year 5 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
14/12	Year 6 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
15/12	Last day of term 2
28/4—1/5	Year 4 residential
8/7—12/7	Year 6 residential
19/7	Last day of the academic year Year 6 leavers assembly p.m.
22/7	INSET DAY
23/7	INSET DAY

EYFS NEWS



The children have embraced the Autumnal weather this week; they have been collecting leaves and twigs in the garden to add to the Autumn table, enjoyed scooping out pumpkins, talked about Harvest and much more.

Phonemes for this week are h b f l. In the first week back after half-term we will be assessing each child on which sounds/phonemes they have securely learnt. As always please support at home by saying the sound for each letter learnt so far, play initial sound games and check out these websites -

For parents | Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Balloon Phonics: Three-Letter Words CVC Game
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/phonics/balloon-phonics-cvc-game>

Phonics - letter sounds - Early years English - BBC Bitesize
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7tr96f>

It seems like a lifetime ago that the children had their very first day at big school; they have all done incredibly well and they should all be very proud of themselves.

Wishing you a restful week off ready for another busy and exciting term

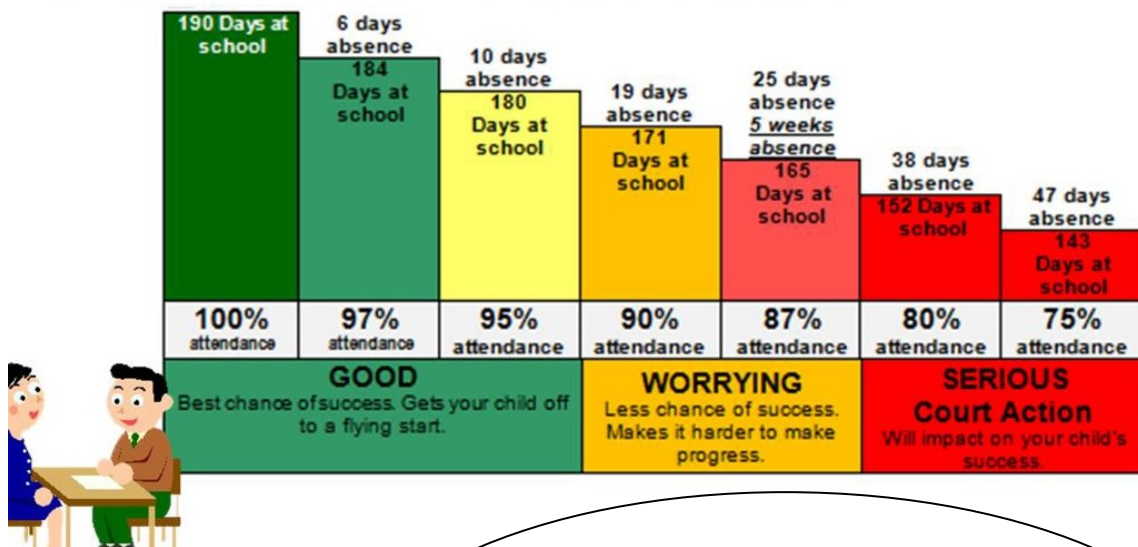


Achievements outside of school...

Renzo (Y3) achieved his yellow belt in his grading this week—well done Renzo!

Ali (Y1) was awarded the Chief Scout's Acorn Award. As Squirrels is a new section for Scouts, this award makes him one of the first ever to achieve this award in 1st Northfleet's Scout troop's history. A fantastic achievement—well done Ali!

Attendance



To be a Craylearner, you need to be in school every day!
100% is what I really want to see!
Less than 96% means you will struggle to be a Craylearner!

Class	Attendance this week	No of children off this week
Elmer	96.6%	3
Funnybones	96.0%	1
Gruffalo	96.0%	3
Stickman	96.6%	5
Dahl	96.3%	5
Wilson	93.0%	7
Simon	96.1%	5
Walliams	97.6%	2
Fine	97.3%	3
Horowitz	96.3%	3
Morpurgo	97.6%	3
Ralf	96.3%	4

WELL DONE TO..... Walliams and Ralf for having the highest attendance this week!



What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?
Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home.
Click on the links for extra home learning.

Year group	Maths	Spag
Elmer / Funnybones		
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Add by making 10 Y2 Autumn Block 2 TS6 Add by making 10 on Vimeo	
Dahl/Wilson	Adding and subtracting 10 Y3 Autumn Block 2 TS7 Add 10s across a 100 on Vimeo	Simple past tense What are past, present and future tense? - BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	Subtraction with exchanges Y4 Autumn Block 2 TS6 Subtract two 4digit numbers one exchange on Vimeo	Revision Grammar - KS2 English - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine	Add and subtract larger numbers Y5 Autumn Block 2 TS2 Add whole numbers with more than four digits on Vimeo Y5 Autumn Block 2 TS3 Subtract whole numbers with more than four digits on Vimeo	Conjunctions
Morpurgo/Rauf	Assessments	Assessments



What is your child learning about in STAR

Year 2	How do we know about the Great Fire of London?
Year 3	What happens from the start to the end of a river?
Year 4	What is it like to live on Planet Earth?
Year 5	What happened in Britain after the Romans left? (Anglo Saxons)
Year 6	Does deforestation effect us? (Rainforests and South America)

Times Tables Rockstars

Last weeks results...

1	Y5 Horowitz Class	95,634
2	Y5 Fine Class	72,896
3	Y6 Rauf Class	61,725
4	Y6 Morpurgo Class	59,928
5	Y4 Walliams Class	32,134
6	Y4 Simon Class	18,416
7	Y2 Gruffalo Class	9,508
8	Y3 Dahl Class	7,689
9	Y3 Wilson Class	3,163
10	Y2 Stickman Class	1,412

HOWORITZ CLASS WINS—WELL DONE!

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

		Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Nahil Ottilie Annabelle	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Kesi Sebastian Sofia	<u>Stickman</u> Aniya Bentley Rocco	<u>Gruffalo</u> Riaan Casey Khalid	<u>Dahl</u> Dylan Evie Arlind
<u>Wilson</u> Adrian Emilia Aaditri	<u>Simon</u> Jovel Evie G Harrison L	<u>Walliams</u> Alexander Alfie Chika	<u>Horowitz</u> Alexander Zain Safia	<u>Fine</u> Fletcher Harry Callum	<u>Morpurgo</u> Naitik Taylor Ranti	<u>Rauf</u> Endri Heritage Roman

Lenny's letter

Each week, this newsletter will celebrate all those at The Craylands School who received a Craylearner certificate, R.O.A.R. certificate, HERO bear and the winning team.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Hungry C		Wilson	James
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Bailey
Elmer	Kesi	Simon	Freddie
Funnybones	Mylah	Horowitz	Zain & David A
Gruffalo	Lottie	Fine	Harry
Stickman	Kennady	Morpurgo	Jessica G
Dahl	Brody	Rauf	Heritage

The R.O.A.R. certificates were issued to.....

Hungry C		Wilson	Iyla
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Chika
Elmer	Teddy	Simon	Pedro
Funnybones	Cody	Fine	Elizabeth
Gruffalo	Sienna	Horowitz	Adam B
Stickman	Albie	Morpurgo	Taylor
Dahl	Reggie	Rauf	Emileigh



This week's HERO (Here Every day Ready On time) Attendance Bear is awarded to ...



Walliams and Ralf Class

Craylearner values

winners



A big well done to the following who
have shown they.....

'listen to others'

<u>Elmer</u> Jasper Sofia Teddy Mia Enzo	<u>Funnybones</u> Archie Conor Thea Annabelle Forrest	<u>Stickman</u> Sienna Riley Luana Violet Jai
<u>Gruffalo</u> Chloe Olivia Dylan Lewis Jiya	<u>Dahl class</u> Aryan Arlind Tommy Peggie Tiwa	<u>Wilson</u> Yusef Aaditri Louis Ellie Hunter
<u>Walliams</u> Alfie Lola James Evie Emilija	<u>Simon</u> Oliver Alfie Freddie Inika Angela	<u>Fine</u> Stanlietta Aria Alba Maisy Harrison
<u>Horowitz</u> Alex Kathryn Jensen Zain Monaco	<u>Rauf</u> Thomas D Amber Marley Ayan Grishiga	<u>Morpurgo</u> Janae Toyosi Macen Hayden Amelie